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Attorney Docket No. 077153-0020

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
David J. Kolacz, et al.

U.S. Patent No.: 6,305,621
Issued: October 23, 2001

For: PIVOTING FLUID CONDUIT JOINT AND
ONE-WAY BRAKE

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Examiner: Dinh Q. Nguyen

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STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced United States patent expired for non-payment of its maintenance fee. On May 9, 2007, Applicants filed a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent, which was received by the Office of Petitions on May 14, 2007. Applicants then called the Office of Petitions on August 29, 2007, and were advised the Petition would not be reviewed for at least another month.

Presently, the Petition has not been reviewed and/or granted.

An Office Action was issued on October 31, 2007, for application no. 10/692,270, which is a reissue application of registration no. 6,305,621, advising that the reissue application is in condition for allowance pending the payment of the maintenance fee for U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621. A copy of the Office Action is attached. Applicants have until December 31, 2007, for the above-referenced petition for U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621 to be granted, so that reissue application no. 10/692,270 may proceed to issue.

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Please advise the undersigned attorney of the status of the Petition to Accept

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Respectfully submitted,

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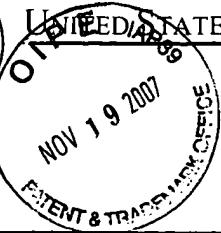
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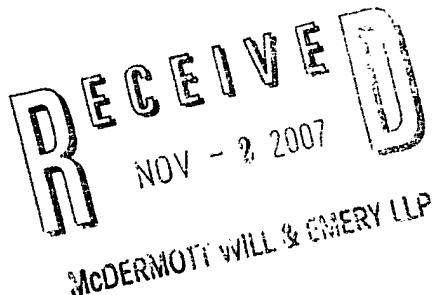
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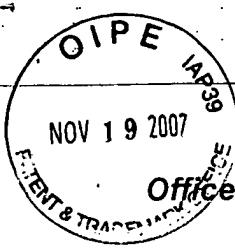
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-4, 21, 22, 25 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)

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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

- 6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Conclusion

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The instant application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621 that is expired for delayed payment of maintenance fee. The instant application is in condition for allowance except for the payment of the maintenance fee for the reissue patent.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dinh Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4907. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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